

THE EVENING NEWS.

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There are some people who appeared to be to be unfortunately organized. There is no use trying to please them, for they seem determined never to be pleased with anything. When asked the cause of their growling and discontent, they will tell you they do not like the aspect of existing affairs, and if asked how they would like matters shaped, and they should be shaped according to their expressed ideas, they are far from satisfied then.

This class have been very anxious for the overthrow of "Mormonism." They have often raised an outcry about the peculiar marital institutions of the "Mormons," stating that the "Mormon" women were held in bondage and that they would gladly free themselves from their thralldom at the presentation of the earliest opportunity so to do, which of course was the very best imaginable. These chronic growlers, consequently, recommended, as a specific cure for "Mormonism," that the women of Utah be invested with the suffrage. What they recommended was adopted, but, unfortunately for those Mormon-haters the enfranchisement of the women of Utah, had a very different result to that which was anticipated by them.

Instead of endeavoring to free themselves from the so called thralldom, falsely said to have been exercised over them by those who had been designated their male oppressors, they have found the thralldom so sweet and grateful that they are willing to remain under it. The women of Utah are ladies of sense and good judgment, and are consequently able to discriminate between their true friends and their enemies, and they prefer to stand by their friends, as they are ever ready to manifest, not only at the polls, but in every other legitimate way.

The enemies of the "Mormons" do not like this result of the enfranchisement of the "Mormon" women, merely because the effect is not adverse to the interests of the people of Utah.

Here is a dispatch which came over the wires yesterday, from San Francisco—

The press of this coast consider the late disastrous election of the women of Utah as a practical argument against female suffrage.

We would very much like to know where the farce part of the proceedings came in. We entirely fail to see it. The ladies went to the polls and voted, as it was their legal privilege so to do, for the candidates of their choice. Not only did they do this, but a large number of ladies took part in the preliminary election proceedings, by being present at the caucus meeting, and of the committee at that meeting to select nominees to fill the various municipal offices, two were ladies.

Had the ladies voted on the other side, and the other side had triumphed in consequence, of course it would have been all right, and there would have been no farce part to the election proceedings whatever.

Instead of the late election proceedings being an argument against woman suffrage, it is a powerful one in favor of it, and if it could be demonstrated that the ladies everywhere would use the privilege as intelligently and judiciously as the ladies of Utah do, there then would be no cause for apprehension as to the effects that would be produced on society by its universal adoption.

There may be slight excuse for some people being misled with regard to affairs here, on account of their ignorance or a natural tendency to believe sensation reports, which are sent over the wires east and west from this point. If the honest among such, however, only knew the nature of the sources whence such reports emanate, they would soon change their views.

There is a person here in particular, though there are others in general, who has been engaged for some time in fabricating and transmitting highly colored and intensely false reports, who will have a long and arduous task before him should he ever attempt to establish a reputation for truthfulness. No one here, even among his professed friends, credits what he says. We say professed friends, because we doubt very much whether such fellows ever have any real ones. He may have some pretended friends of the same "lik," who will probably manifest a show of friendship so long as they can use him as a tool to do up the dirty work in helping along their own nefarious schemes.

If some people only knew it, the very best thing they could do, when they sustain an overwhelming defeat, would be to "sing small," and say little, and if they sing as small as they appear in the eyes of sensible folks they will never be heard any more. They should learn this, for sooner or later, they are destined to be submerged in their own nothingness.

HAVING failed most woefully in point of numbers at the election, as everybody knew would be the case, notwithstanding all the dodges employed, the opposition of course will resort to other opposing methods, and endeavor to show that it is altogether wrong for the majority to gain the day even where universal suffrage is the law, and that it is nothing more than right for a miserable minority to rule over the majority, contrary to every principle of republicanism. Doubtless about this time the wires are and the mails (if they were running) would be burdened with highly sensational and slanderous reports of things at Salt Lake, in which the old citizens and the majority of the people of course are made to appear as veritable monsters of vice—dishonest, disloyal, alien, anti-republican, haters of the Union and the country, and all that unbombed sort of thing, which is too common in political life in most places of this Union and is the regular thing with the opposition in this locality. Among late telegrams westward are the following—

The early part of the day Liberals worked hard challenging Mormons on the question of citizenship, and preventing hundreds upon hundreds of

votes, but the Mormon system soon convinced them that the labor was useless. Even children voted, and the Liberals soon abandoned the election as a farce.

Much indignation is expressed to-night on the grand and mockery of the election. Such disgraceful abuse of the ballot-box privilege disgusts every loyal citizen. A memorial on the subject is to be sent to Congress.

All which shows that as the election proceeded and the opposition saw the palpable demonstration of no earthly chance of success, the gentlemen of that party became more and more disgusted than ever, and, to mitigate the report of their utter and signal failure, profess to regard the whole proceedings as a farce. A shallow pretence, at best, manifesting the pitiful straits to which the opposition finds itself driven to bolster up its pretensions to weight and numbers and influence.

THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE.

Feb. 14.
Council met pursuant to adjournment. Councilor Woodruff moved that the appropriation for building a bridge across the Sevier river be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and the committee be instructed accordingly. Carried.

Councilor Smoot, from committee on municipal corporations and townships, reported back "an Act to amend an act incorporating Ogden city," without amendments, and recommended its passage. Report accepted.

The following was received and read:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Salt Lake City, Utah Territory,

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Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I herewith return to the House, in which it originated, "an Act to amend an act authorizing the Auditor of Public Accounts to procure a seal," with amendments, and recommended its passage. Report accepted.

A communication was also received from his Excellency the Governor, in relation to the nomination of certain judges, which was read and referred to committee on elections, and the House was requested to instruct a like committee to act in conjunction with the committee from the Council.

On motion of Councilor Woodruff, Councilors Jennings and Jesse N. Smith were added to said committee for the consideration of this subject.

Councilor Jennings, from special committee, reported back "an Act authorizing and requiring the Auditor of Public Accounts to procure a seal," with amendments, and recommended its passage. Report accepted.

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